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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ha T. Nguyen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4-6-4, 4-9-4.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 8-10 are objected to because of the following informalities: in line 1 of the claims, substitution of “boding” with --bonding-- is suggested for correctness. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 7, 9, and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ruby et al. (USPN 5873153, hereinafter “Ruby”).

Referring to Fig. 11 and related text, Ruby discloses [Re claims 7 and 9] a method for fabricating an apparatus, the method comprising: fabricating a thin-film resonator 305-307 on a substrate 301; fabricating a bonding pad 303 connected to said thin-film resonator, a portion of said bonding pad in contact with the substrate to form a Schottky diode; wherein said bonding pad comprises a conductive material, the examiner interprets that the metal contact 303 inherently forms a Schottky diode with the semiconductor substrate 301 (see col. 6, lines 26-29); and

[Re claims 11 and 12] wherein said thin-film resonator comprises piezoelectric portion 306 sandwiched by a bottom electrode 305 and a top electrode 307; wherein the piezoelectric portion comprises Aluminum Nitride and said bottom and top electrodes comprises Molybdenum (see col. 6, lines 29-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ruby. Ruby discloses substantially the limitations of claims 8 and 10, as shown above.

But it fails to disclose expressly wherein said bonding pad forms a plurality of Schottky diodes with the substrate; and wherein said bonding pad comprises conductor selected from a group consisting of gold, nickel, and chrome.

However, Ruby also discloses metal used for the electrode is from Mo, Al, W, Au, Pt, or Ti (See col. 5, lines 44-47). It would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skills in the art to use the same metal to form connection to reduce material requirement, ensuring cost efficient production. Ruby does not teach the forming of a plurality of bonding pads. However, it would have been obvious to form a plurality of pads when contact to a plurality of regions is needed. .

Therefore, it would have been obvious to Ruby combine with to obtain the invention as specified in claims 8 and 10.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ha Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 6:00PM, except the first Friday of each bi-week. The telephone number for Wednesday is (703) 560-0528.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Neibling, can be reached on (571) 272-1679. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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Primary Examiner

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